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CHAPTER 596

AN ACT TO UPDATE THE TITLES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL AND ADD THE NAMES OF ORGANIZATIONS INVITED TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. G.S. 122-105, G.S. 122-106 and G.S. 122-107 are hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 122-105. Creation of Council; membership; chairman.—There is hereby created a Mental Health Council to be composed of the following persons: the Commissioner of Mental Health, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Chief of the Psychological Services Section of the State Department of Social Services, the State Health Director, the Chief of the Mental Retardation and Developmental Evaluation Program of the North Carolina State Board of Health, a representative of the North Carolina Association of Clerks of Court, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner of the State Department of Correction, the Director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Public Instruction, a representative of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, a dentist licensed to practice in North Carolina appointed by the Governor, a representative of the North Carolina Neuropsychiatric Association, a representative of the North Carolina Mental Health Association, a representative of the Department of Psychiatry of each of the four-year medical schools in the State, a representative of the North Carolina Psychological Association, a representative of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service, a representative of the State Congress of Parents and Teachers, a representative of the Eugenics Board, the Commissioner of Juvenile Correction, the Director of the Division of Exceptional Children, North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction, North Carolina Personnel and Guidance Association, Association of Mental Health Centers of North Carolina, State Council of NASW Chapters, North Carolina Extension Homemakers Association, North Carolina Council on Mental Retardation, Division of Recreation of North Carolina Department of Local Affairs, North Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs, North Carolina Academy of General Practice, North Carolina State Nurses' Association and State League for Nursing, North Carolina Council of Child Psychiatry, Inc., Alcoholism Professionals of North Carolina, North Carolina Council of Family Service Agencies, North Carolina Association for Retarded Children, North Carolina Medical Care Commission, Divisions of Mental Retardation and of Alcoholism of the State Department of Mental Health. The Mental Health Council is hereby empowered to invite additional organizations to name representatives to the Council.

"§ 122-106. Functions; meetings; annual report.—The function of the Mental Health Council shall be to consider ways and means to promote mental health in North Carolina and to study needs for new legislation pertaining to mental health of the citizens of the State. The Council shall meet at least twice a year and file an annual report with the Governor.

"§ 122-107. Members not State officers.—The members of the Mental Health Council shall not be considered as State officers within the meaning of Article VI, Sec. 9 of the North Carolina Constitution."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1971.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 17th day of June, 1971.